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### FATHER ASSISTANT

Father Assistant arrived in Rome on the evening of Thanksgiving Day on the train from Paris. He was met at 9 p. m. at the station by Fathers Casey, Curran and Ledit, as well as by Father Killeen and Brother Sullivan. The next day the greater part of the 40 American Jesuits in Rome visited him. They were all deeply impressed and very proud of America's new representative at the Curia.

### LAST VOWS

On February 2, 1936, the following will pronounce their Last Vows: Fathers Connolly, C. Kavanagh, Bart O'Neill, Spearman, and Fathers Clark, Coffey, Fennell, Kelly, McQuillan, and Saunders.

We wish them each and all, great happiness on this solemn dedicating of themselves to God and the Society.

### ALMA

Rev. Father James Malone returned to Alma a few days before Christmas. Due to his long illness, for some three weeks he had been staying at Santa Clara to recuperate his strength.

The Theologians were treated in December to a series of lectures on current topics. On December 1, Father Cornelius Deeney spoke on Political Science. His lecture was annotated by many interesting side-lights on the present political administration.

Father Charles Leahy presented the case against Communism on December 9, in a most interesting and instructive lecture. He gave a systematic expose of the inner workings of the Communistic movement which to many a Theologian was a real revelation.

Father Peter Dunne entertained the Theologians on December 15, with a very enlightening talk on the Missions, and in particular on the part Jesuits have played in the vast Mission work of the Church. In particular he brought out the splendid work of the Jesuits in the Mission fields of Mexico.

Father Hagemann conducted the triduum for renovation of vows which took place December 8th.

### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Father Rector and Prof. H. Harper of the Biology Department, attended a conference of representatives of the Pacific Coast Universities held at California Institute of Technology, to stimulate cooperation between industrial organizations and educational institutions.

Under the auspices of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the Pacific Southwest, of which Father Rector is President, an Institute on World Affairs was held at the Mission Inn, Riverside. Father Rector chose "Our Responsibility to Youth" as the subject of his address.

The Mothers' Guild netted over \$800 in raffling a hope chest presented by Bing Crosby.

A series of lectures to be given by various members of the faculty is planned for the future meetings of the Guild.

Congressman John M. Costello, guest speaker at a recent student body assembly, delivered an informative talk on the last session of Congress.

Father Spearman obtained about 200 books from the Diocesan Office of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A new lighting system has been installed in the students' library.

The University Sodality manifested its activity by aiding the success of

the annual Sodality Convention, by sending representative members to speak at the meetings of the various Sodality units, by climaxing its catechetical work among the boys of the east side of the city with a Christmas party for which the funds were raised among the students of the school.

The monthly sessions of the diocesan branch of the Catholic Association for International Peace, under the moderatorship of Father Vaughan, are showing increased attendance and enthusiasm. He has been effectively aided in his efforts for this association by Fathers Falvey, Flynn and C. Leahy of the High School.

Father Vaughan's radio talks are published from time to time in "Our Sunday Visitor". Several of his talks will soon be issued in pamphlet form by this press.

Father Lorenzo Malone reports that the Real Estate Company has given the use of its auditorium on Lincoln Boulevard to the Athletic Association for the school basketball team. Loyola will again be represented in the winter games held in Yosemite.

### LOS GATOS

Brother Raymond Pallas pronounced his vows as a Scholastic on November 26th. Two Coadjutors pronounced theirs in December, Brother Arturi, December 8; Brother Connolly, at the Midnight Mass Christmas.

In his third Political Science lecture to the Juniors, Father C. Deeney spoke on County Government.

What was perhaps the greatest number of visitors in the history of the Novitiate, was present for the informal dedicatory services of the Lourdes Grotto on December 8. Father Provincial officiated at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the shrine, with the community singing the Litanies. The formal dedication will take place in May with the Archbishop officiating.

The statue of the shrine for many years in the Novitiate garden behind the house was presented by the father of Mr. Henry Hoffman of San Francisco. It shows off to advantage in its new location, particularly as its beauty was lost in the cramped position behind the kitchen.

The night lighting of the shrine is gorgeous. A professional, Mr. Weukers, who did the lighting for the San Francisco Opera House, designed and placed the lights in the shrine. This he did for Mrs. Walsh. His wife, a

non-Catholic, has written a beautiful and touching poem on our Lady of Lourdes.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company took special pictures of the illuminated shrine and published a leading article in their January Bulletin, withholding all pictures until their bulletin appeared.

The latest developments in combating Communism was the topic of Father Charles Leahy's lecture at Los Gatos on December 10.

Plans are completed for the removal of the winery office from the Novitiate building to the winery proper. This separates the handling of the house finances and accounting from those of the winery.

Father C. Walsh gave a triduum to the Mercy Sisters, Sacramento, at the close of the year.

Three scenes from King John and Henry VIII were presented by the Juniors on December 27. Brothers Mulcahy and Boss played the title roles.

Bethlehem was the subject of a most timely, illustrated lecture by Father Wilmering on December 18.

### SAN FRANCISCO

The annual retreat for the Gentlemen's Sodality, given by various Fathers, closed December 8.

The College Players of U. S. F. presented "Once in a Lifetime" three evenings in November.

The Francesca Relief Society held a Christmas Party in the university auditorium for children under the care of the Holy Family Sisters. After the performance packages were distributed to the needy.

The High School Sodalities held entertainments in November. The admission for the Senior Sodality play was tobacco; for the Junior Sodality entertainment, foodstuffs.

At the entertainment for the Sanctuary Society, films of football games were shown, and refreshments served.

In the annual dramatic art contest of the high school, Max Wilcox received first place; Reed and Brady, second and third.

Father Provincial and Father Ring and Father Wm. Dunne went to Sacramento for Bishop Armstrong's Silver Jubilee as a Priest, December 10. The priests gave the Bishop a new Packard, a check, and a pledge of loyalty. The speeches and conversation indicated that the pledge was most sincere.



## VARIA

There are parties interested in the possible oil land of the Province at Santa Barbara. An oil company is seeking a lease in our neighborhood.

Father De Rop was operated on in December. Father Maginnis gave him a blood transfusion.

Father Wilmering helped at Santa Barbara during the Christmas holidays.

Father Rice gave the Brothers' Retreat at Mt. St. Michael's. Father Corbett gave the high school retreat in Seattle to 3rd and 4th years, Father Lipman to 1st and 2nd years.

The Redemptorists are opening a retreat house in the east bay region, as a result causing some anxiety at El Retiro. However, the Laymen's Retreat Association in Oakland is very well organized, and it is hoped that they will be loyal to El Retiro.

The Bellarmine Card party in early December was well attended. There were 164 tables in use, and a profit of some \$350.

Bellarmine students had a drive for the poor in preparation for Thanksgiving. There was a potato day when every student had to bring a potato; a canned food day; a meat day when money for meat was to be brought. Some 20 or 30 baskets were made ready and distributed by the students to families named by the Holy Family Sisters. There was a pot roast in every basket.

Father General is adding to the Society's catalogue the work done in America for the Negroes. Father Le Farge of New York has to gather the statistics which will appear under the Prospectus Missionum hereafter. California has nothing to add. A survey of the Province produced the following results. Loyola University has 3 negro students, Loyola High 4 students, Blessed Sacrament 3 members attending Mass, San Francisco has 2 in the University and a few irregularly attending the church. In San Jose, St. Joseph's Church is attended by 4 or 5. Santa Barbara has 4 adults and a boy. The boy and two of the adults were baptised by Father De Rop.

## CHANGES

Fr. J. O'Connell, Pref. Disc. U. S. C.  
Fr. Saunders to San Francisco.  
Fr. N. Bell to Santa Barbara.  
Mr. Sprague to Loyola High.  
Fr. Madigan to Loyola University.

## FATHER HUBBARD

In the week of December 1, he addressed 12,000 people. On Sunday, December 1, he gave two lectures in York, Pa. On Monday he spoke to the Philadelphia Forum. Tuesday, noon, at the Buffalo Ad. Club; evening, to the Syracuse Music Association. Wednesday, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Thursday, at the Stein Memorial, Wheeling, West Va.

The total gross for the week was \$1,200.00.

The "Cradle of the Storms" exhausted the first edition of 2500 in three days. The second edition also sold out, and a third was printed. In one month 8000 copies were sold. An English edition is being arranged by Dodd, Mead & Co. The English company, Harrap & Co. Ltd., object to the preface of Father Talbott, which they say will not do for England.

Father Hubbard leaves on January 15 with Bishop Crimont for Rome. It is planned that he present Father General with one of his Mission Films as California's gift to the coming celebration of the fourth centenary of the Society.

## CHINA

Father Kearney is now living at his new home in Nanking, 267 Chun Shan Road. This house though belonging to the Society had been rented to a Mr. Wong Tsong Hwei, a famous Chinese Judge, who is at the International Court, the Hague, Holland. Mr. Wong beautifully furnished the house at a cost of some \$3000. As he has been in Europe for several years, he let a friend of his, rather an important government official, occupy the house. Last March this friend was instructed to vacate the house by September 1.

Father Kearney arrived in Nanking on September 6th to move in, but the occupant was away in Canton on a vacation, and would not return for two weeks. The weeks of waiting, spent at Ricci College, lengthened out to October 20th, when the party returned from Canton and spoke with Father Kearney. He was given until November 1st, but this had to be changed to November 15th. On November 10th he pleaded that the National Congress was going on, and he had three of the delegates in the house, so he would like to stay until November 20th. It had to be granted. Then the Congress was to be prolonged until November 25th.

Father Kearney was determined to

move in. He and Brother Finnegan who had arrived on November 20th, loaded all sorts of trunks and boxes into a horse carriage, took three rickshas and several servants from Ricci, and set out for the new house, firmly convinced that they would have to take it by storm. The intention was to get inside before the man was up and pile all the baggage there, and refuse to leave, as the house was ours on November 21st. But on arrival, the tenant was also packing up to move out. He was nice about it. By noon Father Kearney was in complete possession.

Among the pupils of Father Kearney taking English are a Chinese General, a Colonel on the General Staff who will be a General next year, and a former Chief of Police of Nanking; two university professors; a doctor, and a couple of university students.

Father is making splendid headway in getting contacts for the future Nanking Institute. He has been introduced to three Chinese university presidents; to Baron Guillaume, the Belgian Consul; to Mr. Nelson Johnson, the American Minister to China, and to others.

Father Kearney is naturally most anxious to get started on the new building which is a combination residence and students' living house. The plans have been drawn by a Spanish Lay Brother, and are really splendid. They have been approved in Rome, and we too are in admiration of them. But money is needed to build. Now, moreover, is the time to start the work so as to create the needed impression in Nanking.

### Shanghai

It will interest Ours to know that there was fear of fireworks in Shanghai for a while. There was a real panic in one quarter of the city. It has quieted down with the center of danger moved to the north.

### FATHER MICHAEL MEYER

Father Meyer was confessor or teacher to many in the Province; his record may well be recalled.

1853 -Dec. 12, born, Westphalia.  
 1874 -Oct. 6, entered Germ. Prov.  
 1885-88-Theology, Duttan Hall, Eng.  
 1888-89-Oper., St. Peter's, Mont.  
 1889-90-Tertian, De Smet, Idaho.  
 1890-91-Oper., De Smet, Idaho.  
 1891-92-Oper., St. Ignatius, Mont.  
 1893 -Mar. 19, Last Vows, Lewiston  
 1898-99-Min., Lewiston, Idaho.  
 1899-01-Oper., Lewiston, Idaho.

1901-02-Taught Classics, Gonzaga.  
 1902-04-Taught Dogma, Gonzaga.  
 1904-07-Taught Moral, Gonzaga.  
 1907-14-Taught Juniors, Los Gatos.  
 1914-19-Spiritual Father, Los Gatos.  
 1919-21-Tertian Master, Los Gatos.  
 1921-26-Spiritual Father, Los Gatos.  
 1926-27-Confessor, Los Gatos.  
 1927-30-Spir. Fr., Bell., San Jose.  
 1930-31-Confessor, Los Gatos.  
 1931-35-Spir. Fr., Port Townsend.  
 1935 -Oct. 23, died, Port Townsend.

His name was a worry to the Society. It was Maier till 1898, when it became Mayer. In 1902 it was spelled Meyer. From 1906 to 1910 it reverted to Mayer. Since 1910 it has been Meyer.

### RETREATS

Dec. 4-6, Fr. Wm. Deeney, 250 students, Immac. Concept. Acad., S. F.  
 Dec. 4-6, Fr. Ferguson, 90 students, Mercy High, Burlingame.  
 Nov. 29-Dec. 8, Fr. Henry, 30 Sisters, St. Bernardine's Hospital, San Bernardino.  
 Nov. — Fr. Madigan, 8-day retreat, Good Shepherds, Phoenix.  
 Nov. — Fr. J. Cosgrave, 3-day retr., girls, Good Shepherds, Phoenix.  
 Dec. 27, Fr. Edw. Sullivan, Notre Dame Day of Recollection, San Jose  
 Dec. 27, Fr. Duffy, Notre Dame Day of Recollection, Santa Clara.  
 Dec. 28-Jan. 1, Fr. Fabris, Mercy Sisters, St. Patrick's, Sacramento.  
 Dec. 28-Jan. 1, Fr. G. Leahy, Ursulines, Santa Rosa.  
 Dec. 28-Jan. 1, Fr. Crowley, Mercy Sisters, Academy, Sacramento.  
 Dec. 28-Jan. 1, Fr. C. Walsh, Mercy Sisters, Hospital, Sacramento.  
 Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Fr. Malaise, Presentation, Motherhouse, S. F.  
 Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Presentation Convent, Ashbury, S. F.  
 Dec. 30, Fr. Duffy, Notre Dame Day of Recollection, Belmont.  
 Dec. 31, Fr. Edw. Sullivan, Notre Dame Day of Recollection, Belmont  
 Dec. 31, Fr. Fagothey, Notre Dame Day of Recollection, Alameda.  
 Dec. 31, Fr. Simpson, Madames Day of Recollection, Menlo.

### DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Fr. Francis Aigner, Nov. 19, New York.  
 Br. Martin Fitzpatrick, Dec. 11, Boston.

### DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Robert, Father of Fr. C. Kavanagh.  
 Francis, brother of Fr. Wm. Huesman.